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does not disclose or suggest a hook portion (i.e., a portion having a curved or bend device for catching, holding, or pulling) disposed on a leading edge, as recited in each of claims 46-51 of the present application. If the Examiner continues to reject claims 46-51 by applying Ohwa et al., it is respectfully requested that he specifically point out where Ohwa et al. discloses or suggests a hook portion disposed on a leading edge. Absent an adequate explanation, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 46-51 is improper and, therefore, should be withdrawn.

Each of claims 52 and 53 recites, inter alia, "the sweeping member including a sweeping arm having a leading edge and a hook portion disposed on the leading edge". Each of claims 52 and 53 is allowable for reasons similar to reasons each of claims 46-51 is allowable as explained hereinabove.

This amendment may be entered upon a showing of good reasons why it is necessary and was not presented earlier as per 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116. This amendment is necessary to overcome the rejections stated in the final Office Action. The amendment was not earlier presented because the Applicant did not know of the Examiner's position with respect to rejection of claims in the present application until receiving the final Office Action. Also, by way of the present amendment, certain rejected claims are canceled and certain rejected claims are presented in better form for consideration on appeal.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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